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Wafer prober has a chuck top conductive layer formed over one principle face of a ceramic substrate

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Inventor: HIRAMATSU Y ; ITO A ; ITO Y ; ITO A

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Wafer prober has a chuck top conductive layer formed over one principle face of a ceramic substrate

Inventor: HIRAMATSU Y ...

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... ITO Y

Abstract (Basic):

... Wafer prober has a chuck top conductive layer formed over one principal face of a ceramic substrate, and a guard electrode is formed therein. The wafer prober is characterized in that a metal layer is formed on the side face of the ceramic substrate.

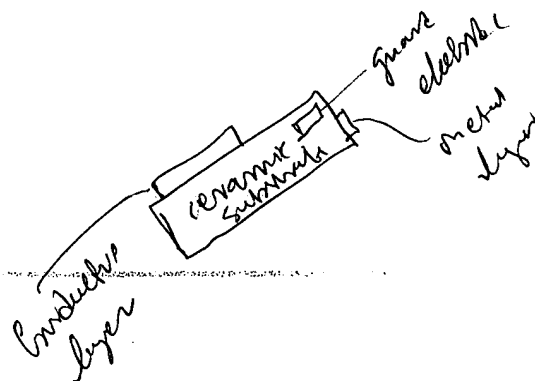
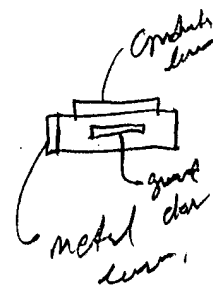
... Wafer prober is capable of protecting a chuck top conductive layer against noises and preventing an erroneous action, as caused by the noises, of a semiconductor

...Title Terms: CERAMIC ;

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Ceramic substrate used as electrostatic chuck, wafer prober or hot plate has a specified ratio of average conductive - layer thickness to an average ceramic-substrate thickness

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Inventor: HIRAMATSU Y ; ITO Y

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JP 2001302330	A	20011031	JP 2000121938	A	20000424	200212
US 20020158328	A1	20021031	WO 2001JP3299	A	20010418	200274
			US 2002926800	A	20020319	
EP 1286390	A1	20030226	EP 2001921864	A	20010418	200319
			WO 2001JP3299	A	20010418	
JP 2003289027	A	20031010	JP 2000121938	A	20000424	200367
			JP 2002342764	A	20000424	
US 20040007773	A1	20040115	WO 2001JP3299	A	20010418	200406
			US 2002926800	A	20020319	
			US 2003615950	A	20030710	
US 6753601	B2	20040622	WO 2001JP3299	A	20010418	200445
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Priority Applications (No Type Date): JP 2000121938 A 20000424; JP 2002342764 A 20000424

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Ceramic substrate used as electrostatic chuck, wafer prober or hot plate has a specified ratio of average conductive - layer thickness to an average ceramic-substrate thickness

Inventor: HIRAMATSU Y ...

... ITO Y

Abstract (Basic):

... Ceramic substrate has a conductive layer disposed on its surface or inside it. A ratio (t_2/t_1) of a average conductive - layer thickness (t_2) to an average ceramic -substrate thickness (t_1) is less than 0.1, and variations in thickness from an average conductive - layer thickness range from 70 to +150%.

... Ceramic substrate is free from cracking or warping on heating or cooling quickly, from location-dependent variations in chucking force when the ceramic substrate constitutes an electrostatic chuck, from location-dependent variations in wafer treatment surface temperature when the ceramic substrate constitutes a hot plate, and from variations in voltage applied to guard electrodes or ground

electrodes when the ceramic substrate constitutes a wafer prober to permit the removal of stray capacity or noise...

...The ceramic substrate is used as electrostatic chuck, wafer prober or hot plate

Title Terms: CERAMIC ;

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Wafer probe has electric power unit that impresses voltage so that specific potential will be generated in upper conductor layer and ground electrodes

Patent Assignee: IBIDEN CO LTD (IBIG)
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JP 2001196426	A	20010719	JP 2000318064	A	20001018	200156 B
WO 200235603	A1	20020502	WO 2001JP3770	A	20010501	200236

Priority Applications (No Type Date): JP 99302520 A 19991025

Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan	Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
JP 2001196426	A		15	H01L-021/66	
WO 200235603	A1	J		H01L-021/66	

Designated States (National): US

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Wafer probe has electric power unit that impresses voltage so that specific potential will be generated in upper conductor layer and ground electrodes

Inventor: HIRAMATSU Y ...

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... ITO Y

Abstract (Basic):

... An upper conductor layer (2) is formed on the surface of a ceramic substrate (3) in which ground electrodes (5) are arranged. An electric power unit impresses a voltage to generate a specific potential in the upper conductor layer and ground electrodes.

... An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is also included for a ceramic substrate used for a wafer probe .

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...The figure is the sectional view of the wafer probe .

...

...Upper conductor layer (2...

... Ceramic substrate (3

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Wafer prober includes conductor layer formed on surface of
ceramic substrate

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Patent Family:

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WO 200106559	A1	20010125	WO 99JP5693	A	19991015	200115 B
EP 1091400	A1	20010411	EP 99949311	A	19991015	200121
			WO 99JP5693	A	19991015	
JP 2001033484	A	20010209	JP 99201789	A	19990715	200124
CN 1329753	A	20020102	CN 99814050	A	19991015	200227
TW 449845	A	20010811	TW 99118768	A	19991029	200237
KR 2002011850	A	20020209	KR 2000711162	A	20001007	200257
JP 2003133374	A	20030509	JP 99201789	A	19990715	200339
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JP 2001033484	A		14	G01R-001/073	
CN 1329753	A			H01L-021/66	
TW 449845	A			H01L-021/66	
KR 2002011850	A			H01L-021/66	
JP 2003133374	A		13	H01L-021/66	Div ex application JP 99201789

Wafer prober includes conductor layer formed on surface of
ceramic substrate
Inventor: FURUKAWA M ...

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Abstract (Basic):

... A lightweight wafer prober of good temperature
characteristic, which is unlikely to warp when its probe card is
pressed, thereby effectively preventing damage to silicon wafers and
measurement errors. The wafer prober includes a conductor layer
formed on the surface of a ceramic substrate.
... Wafer prober includes conductor layer formed on surface
of ceramic substrate
...Title Terms: CERAMIC ;

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WAFER PROBER DEVICE

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APPLICANT(s): IBIDEN CO LTD
APPL. NO.: 2003-407989 [JP 2003407989]
Division of 2000-251087 [JP 2000251087]
FILED: December 05, 2003 (20031205)
PRIORITY: 11-236143 [JP 99236143], JP (Japan), August 23, 1999
(19990823)

WAFER PROBER DEVICE

INVENTOR(s): ITO ATSUSHI
HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide wafer prober device that has no warp, even if a probe card is pressed, can effectively protect...

... is light-weight and superior in a temperature rise and fall characteristic.

SOLUTION: This is wafer prober device composed of a ceramic substrate on whose surface a conductor layer is formed and its support container, and a support column is built up in the container. Wafer prober device can be obtained, even when a probe card is pressed, there occurs no warp...

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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC SUBSTRATE USED FOR THE SAME

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INVENTOR(s): ITO ATSUSHI
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APPL. NO.: 2003-407990 [JP 2003407990]
Division of 2000-251088 [JP 2000251088]
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PRIORITY: 11-236144 [JP 99236144], JP (Japan), August 23, 1999
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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC SUBSTRATE USED FOR THE SAME

INVENTOR(s): ITO ATSUSHI

HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a **ceramic** substrate which is hardly warped when a probe card is pressed against it, capable of...

... equipped with electrodes that are separately controlled, and excellent in controllability.

SOLUTION: A chuck top **conductor layer** is formed on the surface of the **ceramic** substrate, a guard electrode and/or a ground electrode is formed inside the **ceramic** substrate, and through-holes are formed in the **ceramic** substrate, which are electrically connected to either or both of the guard electrode and the...

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WAFER PROBER APPARATUS

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APPL. NO.: 2003-407992 [JP 2003407992]
Division of 2000-251111 [JP 2000251111]
FILED: December 05, 2003 (20031205)
PRIORITY: 11-236146 [JP 99236146], JP (Japan), August 23, 1999
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WAFER PROBER APPARATUS

INVENTOR(s): **ITO ATSUSHI**
HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a **wafer prober apparatus** which can efficiently and rapidly heat/cool a **wafer prober**, can control its temperature and can effectively prevent a silicon wafer from being damaged or...

...mistake without bringing about a warp even when a probe card is pressed.

SOLUTION: The **wafer prober apparatus** includes a **conductor layer** formed on a surface, a **ceramic** substrate having a heating means, and a support container. A liquid jet port is formed...

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WAFER PROBER

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INVENTOR(s): ITO ATSUSHI
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APPLICANT(s): IBIDEN CO LTD
APPL. NO.: 2003-407991 [JP 2003407991]
Division of 2000-251110 [JP 2000251110]
FILED: December 05, 2003 (20031205)
PRIORITY: 11-236145 [JP 99236145], JP (Japan), August 23, 1999
(19990823)

WAFER PROBER

INVENTOR(s): ITO ATSUSHI
HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a **wafer prober** which has excellent controllability without warp even when a probe card is pressed without release...

... damaged or measured by mistake, and which has excellent temperature rise/fall characteristics.

SOLUTION: The **wafer prober** in which a chuck top **conductor layer** is formed on a surface of a **ceramic substrate** and a guard electrode and/or a ground electrode is formed in the **substrate**. In the **prober**, one or both of the guard electrode and the ground electrode is electrically connected. The...

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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC SUBSTRATE USED THEREFOR

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INVENTOR(s): ITO ATSUSHI
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APPL. NO.: 2003-407988 [JP 2003407988]
Division of 2000-248580 [JP 2000248580]
FILED: December 05, 2003 (20031205)
PRIORITY: 11-233117 [JP 99233117], JP (Japan), August 19, 1999
(19990819)

WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC SUBSTRATE USED THEREFOR

INVENTOR(s): ITO ATSUSHI
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ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a **ceramic substrate** having a chuck top **conductor layer** which is thin, excellent adhesive properties with the substrate and which reduces the resistance.

SOLUTION: The **ceramic** substrate used for a **wafer prober** includes a **conductor layer** made of a plurality of metal layers.

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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC SUBSTRATE FOR USE IN WAFER PROBER

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APPLICANT(s): IBIDEN CO LTD
APPL. NO.: 2003-346154 [JP 2003346154]
Division of 2000-254183 [JP 2000254183]
FILED: October 03, 2003 (20031003)
PRIORITY: 11-238958 [JP 99238958], JP (Japan), August 25, 1999
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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC SUBSTRATE FOR USE IN WAFER PROBER

INVENTOR(s): ITO ATSUSHI
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ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a **ceramic** substrate for use in a **wafer prober** wherein warp is not produced even at high temperature; even if a silicon wafer is placed on a chuck top **conductor layer** for continuity test, the silicon wafer is not damaged; and the **ceramic** wafer can be increased in size and reduced in thickness.

SOLUTION: The **ceramic** substrate is for use in a **wafer prober**. The chuck top **conductor layer** is formed over one principal surface of the **ceramic** substrate, and a **conductor layer** is formed over the other principal surface.

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WAFER PROBER, AND CERAMIC BOARD USED FOR WAFER PROBER

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APPLICANT(s): IBIDEN CO LTD
APPL. NO.: 2002-356539 [JP 2002356539]

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FILED: October 18, 2000 (20001018)
PRIORITY: 11-306566 [JP 99306566], JP (Japan), October 28, 1999
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WAFER PROBER , AND CERAMIC BOARD USED FOR WAFER PROBER

INVENTOR(s): ITO ATSUSHI
HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a wafer prober where the heat conduction from the side of a ceramic board to a support container is suppressed and the temperature of a chuck top conductor layer , on which to place a silicon wafer, is equalized, when the temperature of the ceramic board is raised and also a side conductor can be formed properly.

SOLUTION: In the wafer prober , where the chuck top conductor layer is formed on the surface of the ceramic board, the face roughness, based on JIS R 0601 of the flank adjacent to the face where the above chuck top conductor layer is made, is $R_{max}=0.2-200\text{ }\mu\text{m}$.

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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC SUBSTRATE FOR USE THEREIN

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APPLICANT(s): IBIDEN CO LTD
APPL. NO.: 2002-356538 [JP 2002356538]
Division of 2000-318065 [JP 2000318065]
FILED: October 18, 2000 (20001018)
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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC SUBSTRATE FOR USE THEREIN

INVENTOR(s): ITO ATSUSHI
HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a wafer prober in which a ceramic substrate is protected against damage due to the difference of thermal expansion between a guard electrode and/or a ground electrode and surrounding ceramic , variation in the conductivity of the electrode due to the reaction of the surrounding ceramic and the guard electrode or the like, is suppressed even when a temperature rises up...

...through hole is prevented from being stripped from a bonding interface.

SOLUTION: A chuck top conductor layer is formed on the surface of a

ceramic substrate, and a guard electrode and/or a ground electrode are/is formed in the ceramic substrate and connected with a through hole. The guard electrode and/or the ground electrode are/is composed of conductive ceramic at least partially and the through hole is composed of a high melting point metal...

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ITO YASUTAKA
APPLICANT(s): IBIDEN CO LTD
APPL. NO.: 2003-027277 [JP 200327277]
Division of 2000-322987 [JP 2000322987]
FILED: October 23, 2000 (20001023)
PRIORITY: 11-303808 [JP 99303808], JP (Japan), October 26, 1999
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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC SUBSTRATE FOR USE IN WAFER PROBER

INVENTOR(s): ITO ATSUSHI
HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a wafer prober which has high thermal conductivity at high temperatures a superior temperature rise and fall characteristics...

... heat for heating a silicon wafer, and ensure thermal conductivity at high temperatures.

SOLUTION: A ceramic substrate for use in wafer probers has a chuck top conductor layer formed on its surface, and the ceramic substrate contains carbon.

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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC SUBSTRATE THEREFOR

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APPL. NO.: 2002-356537 [JP 2002356537]

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FILED: October 13, 2000 (20001013)
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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC SUBSTRATE THEREFOR

INVENTOR(s): ITO ATSUSHI
HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a ceramic substrate which is fully blackened, capable of concealing a guard electrode and a gland electrode, as well as ensuring thermal conductivity and volume resistivity sufficient to function as a wafer prober.

SOLUTION: The ceramic substrate for the wafer prober with a chuck top conductor layer formed on the surface thereof is provided, wherein an X-ray diffraction chart of the ceramic substrate, in addition to a peak of the ceramic constituting a main crystal phase thereof, a peak of carbon is detected to an angle...

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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC BOARD USED IN WAFER PROBER

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APPLICANT(s): IBIDEN CO LTD
APPL. NO.: 2002-227783 [JP 2002227783]
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PRIORITY: 11-227778 [JP 99227778], JP (Japan), August 11, 1999
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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC BOARD USED IN WAFER PROBER

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ITO ATSUSHI

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a lightweight wafer prober having superior temperature rise and drop characteristic, causing no warp even in the case where...

... pressed, and effectively preventing breakage of silicon wafer and a measuring error.

SOLUTION: In this wafer prober, a conductor layer is formed on the surface of the ceramic board, and it is characterized in that the

conductor layer is thinner than the ceramic board.

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WAFER PROBER

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WAFER PROBER

INVENTOR(s): ITO ATSUSHI
HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA
FURUKAWA MASAKAZU

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a wafer prober with a chuck top conductive layer hardly flaked from a ceramic board.

SOLUTION: In the wafer prober, the chuck top conductive layer is formed on the surface of the ceramic board. The surface roughness of at least a face where the chuck top layer is...

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WAFER PROBER AND STAGE FOR INSPECTION USED FOR THE SAME

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FILED: November 24, 2000 (20001124)
PRIORITY: 11-335639 [JP 99335639], JP (Japan), November 26, 1999
(19991126)

WAFER PROBER AND STAGE FOR INSPECTION USED FOR THE SAME

INVENTOR(s): ITO ATSUSHI
HIRAMATSU YASUJI

ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a **wafer prober** with a stage for inspection having excellent heating efficiency by using a **ceramic** material in which lightness is set N4 or less by the standard of JIS 28721.

SOLUTION: The stage 12 for inspection is composed of the **ceramic** material such as aluminum nitride, in which lightness is set N4 or less by the...

...is formed on the surface of the stage 12 for inspection as a chuck-top **conductor layer** 14.

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WAFER PROBER AND STAGE FOR INSPECTION USED THE SAME

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HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA

APPLICANT(s): IBIDEN CO LTD

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FILED: November 24, 2000 (20001124)

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(19991125)

WAFER PROBER AND STAGE FOR INSPECTION USED THE SAME

INVENTOR(s): **ITO ATSUSHI**
HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a **wafer prober** in which the reliability of electrical connection with through-holes formed among an external terminal...

...to the surface or inside of a stage for inspection is improved.

SOLUTION: Chuck-top **conductor layers** 36 are formed onto the surface of a **ceramic** stage 12 on which a semiconductor wafer is placed, and electrodes 14, 16 are formed into the **ceramic** stage 12 while through-holes 20, 22 electrically connecting the electrodes 14, 16 and the

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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC SUBSTRATE FOR USE IN WAFER PROBERS

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INVENTOR(s): ITO ATSUSHI
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FILED: October 23, 2000 (20001023)
PRIORITY: 11-303808 [JP 99303808], JP (Japan), October 26, 1999
(19991026)

WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC SUBSTRATE FOR USE IN WAFER PROBERS

INVENTOR(s): ITO ATSUSHI
HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a wafer prober which has a high thermal conductivity at high temperatures and superior temperature rise and fall...

... heats for heating silicon wafers, and ensure a thermal conductivity at high temperatures.

SOLUTION: The ceramic substrate for use in wafer probers has a chuck top conductor layer formed on its surface and the ceramic substrate characteristically contains carbon.

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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC SUBSTRATE USED THEREFOR

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INVENTOR(s): ITO ATSUSHI
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APPL. NO.: 2000-306853 [JP 2000306853]
FILED: August 30, 2000 (20000830)
PRIORITY: 11-243112 [JP 99243112], JP (Japan), August 30, 1999
(19990830)
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(19991108)

WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC SUBSTRATE USED THEREFOR

INVENTOR(s): ITO ATSUSHI
HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a light wafer prober with improved

durability.

SOLUTION: In the **wafer prober** used for inspecting the continuity of an integrated circuit formed on a semiconductor wafer, a **conductor layer** that is made of a metal material containing phosphor or boron is formed on the surface of an inspection stage that is made of a **ceramic** material for placing the semiconductor wafer to be inspected.

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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC BOARD USED THEREFOR

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PUBLISHED: July 19, 2001 (20010719)
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HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA
APPLICANT(s): IBIDEN CO LTD
APPL. NO.: 2000-318066 [JP 2000318066]
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(19991028)

WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC BOARD USED THEREFOR

INVENTOR(s): **ITO ATSUSHI**
HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a **wafer prober**, where heat is restrained from being transferred from the side of a **ceramic** board to a support case even in a case in which a **ceramic** board is raised in temperature, a chuck top **conductor layer** on which a silicon wafer is placed is kept uniform in temperature, and a side conductor can be formed.

SOLUTION: A chuck top **conductor layer** is formed on the surface of a **ceramic** board for the formation of a **wafer prober**, where the surface roughness of the side of the **ceramic** board adjoining to its surface on which the **conductor layer** is formed is set at Rmax of 0.2 to 200 μm based on...

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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC BOARD USED FOR THE SAME

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INVENTOR(s): **ITO ATSUSHI**
HIRAMATSU YASUJI

ITO YASUTAKA

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(19991026)

WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC BOARD USED FOR THE SAME

INVENTOR(s): **ITO ATSUSHI**
HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a **wafer prober**, wherein a **ceramic** board is hardly damaged due to a thermal expansion difference between a surrounding **ceramic** and a guard electrode and/or a ground electrode, the electrodes are hardly changed in conductivity due to the fact that a surrounding **ceramic** reacts on the electrodes even if temperature rises up to 500°C or above...

...a through-hole is hardly separated off at a joint interface.

SOLUTION: A chuck top **conductor layer** is formed on the surface of a **ceramic** board, a guard electrode and/or a ground electrode is formed inside the **ceramic** board, and a through-hole is connected to the guard electrode and/or the ground electrode for the formation of a **wafer prober**, the guard electrode and/or the ground electrode is, at least, partially formed of conductive **ceramics**, and the through-hole is formed of high-melting metal.

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ITO YASUTAKA

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FILED: October 13, 2000 (20001013)
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(19991025)

WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC BOARD USED FOR THE SAME

INVENTOR(s): **ITO ATSUSHI**
HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a **wafer prober** in which a **ceramic**

board is hardly separated from a guard electrode and/or a ground electrode due to the difference in thermal expansion between a surrounding ceramic and the guard electrode and/or the ground electrode.

SOLUTION: A chuck top conductor layer is formed on the surface of a ceramic board, a guard electrode and/or a ground electrode is provided on the ceramic board for the formation of a wafer prober, and at least the guard electrode and/or the ground electrode is, at least, partially...

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FILED: October 13, 2000 (20001013)
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(19991026)

WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC BOARD USED FOR THE SAME

INVENTOR(s): ITO ATSUSHI
HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a ceramic board which is turned black enough to cover a guard electrode and a ground electrode and high enough in thermal conductivity and volume resistivity to function as a wafer prober.

SOLUTION: A ceramic board is provided with a chuck top conductor layer on its surface. In the X-ray diffraction chart of the ceramic board, other than a peak of ceramic which forms a main crystal phase, a peak of carbon is detected at an X...

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CERAMIC SUBSTRATE FOR MANUFACTURING AND INSPECTION APPARATUS FOR SEMICONDUCTOR

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INVENTOR(s): HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA
APPLICANT(s): IBIDEN CO LTD
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FILED: December 28, 1999 (19991228)

CERAMIC SUBSTRATE FOR MANUFACTURING AND INSPECTION APPARATUS FOR SEMICONDUCTOR

INVENTOR(s): **HIRAMATSU YASUJI**
ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a **ceramic** substrate for devices for manufacturing and inspecting of semiconductor that have a high volume resistivity...

... accuracy by a thermoviewer, and is suitable as a hot plate, an electrostatic chuck, a **wafer prober**, a susceptor, and the like.

SOLUTION: In the **ceramic** substrate for the apparatus for manufacturing and inspecting of semiconductors, a **conductor layer** is arranged on a **ceramic** substrate containing carbon, where peaks appear near 1,580 cm⁻¹ and 1,355 cm⁻¹...

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WAFER PROBER

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FILED: December 20, 1999 (19991220)

WAFER PROBER

INVENTOR(s): **ITO ATSUSHI**
HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a **wafer prober** which can protect a chuck top **conductor layer** from noises, and prevents a malfunction in an integrated circuit, etc., caused by these noises, and accurately determine whether or not the integrated circuit, etc., operates normally.

SOLUTION: In a **wafer prober** in which a chuck top **conductor layer** is formed on one major face of a **ceramic** substrate, and also a guard electrode is formed in the interior, a metal layer is formed on the side face of the **ceramic** substrate.

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APPL. NO.: 11-348139 [JP 99348139]
FILED: December 07, 1999 (19991207)

WAFER PROBER

INVENTOR(s): **ITO ATSUSHI**
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 ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a **wafer prober** superior in temperature rise and high temperature characteristics, which allows a **ceramic** substrate thin and hardly warping, even heated.

SOLUTION: In the **wafer prober** having a chuck top **conductor layer** formed on the surface of the **ceramic** substrate, the **ceramic** substrate has a Young's modulus of 280-350 GPa in a temperature range of...

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FILED: November 19, 1999 (19991119)

WAFER PROBER

INVENTOR(s): **ITO ATSUSHI**
 HIRAMATSU YASUJI
 ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a **wafer prober** in which a dielectric breakdown is not caused in a predetermined temperature region (25°...
...enables temperature control with superior responsiveness.

SOLUTION: An inspection stage 12 is made of a **ceramic** material of which main component is aluminum nitride and which has a volume resistivity of...

...m in the temperature region of 25°C-500°C. A chuck-top
conductor layer 14 is composed of nickel and the like formed on the
surface of the inspection...

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FILED: November 16, 1999 (19991116)

WAFER PROBER

INVENTOR(s): ITO ATSUSHI
HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a wafer prober which is superior in durable characteristics, uniforms the temperature of a semiconductor wafer and a ceramic stage, can speedily change the resistance value of a heating wire, when current and voltage...

... value does not fluctuate, even if conduction testing is executed repeatedly.

SOLUTION: A chuck-top conductor layer 36, constituted of nickel comprising phosphorus and/or boron, is formed on the surface of a ceramic stage 12 on which a semiconductor wafer is placed and which is formed of aluminum nitride. A tungsten wire is embedded in the ceramic stage 12 as a heating wire 18.

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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC SUBSTRATE TO BE USED FOR WAFER PROBER

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ITO YASUTAKA
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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC SUBSTRATE TO BE USED FOR WAFER PROBER

INVENTOR(s): **ITO ATSUSHI**
HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a large-scaled thin **ceramic** substrate to be used for a **wafer prober** for preventing generation of bending even when it is exposed in a high temperature, and...

... silicon wafer even at the time of placing the silicon wafer on a chuck top **conductive layer**, and operating a continuity test.

SOLUTION: A chuck top **conductive layer** is formed on one main face of a **ceramic** substrate, and a **conductive layer** is formed on the other main face so that a **ceramic** substrate to be used for a **wafer prober** can be constituted.

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ITO YASUTAKA
APPLICANT(s): IBIDEN CO LTD
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FILED: August 24, 2000 (20000824)
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(19990825)

WAFER PROBER

INVENTOR(s): **ITO ATSUSHI**
HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a **wafer prober** for uniformly sucking the whole part of a silicon wafer without damaging the silicon wafer...

...the position of the tester pin of a probe card.

SOLUTION: A porous chuck top **conductive layer** 2 is formed on a pedestal constituted of a **ceramic** substrate 3 at which through-holes 8 for suction are formed so that a **wafer prober** can be constituted.

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WAFER PROBER DEVICE

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ITO YASUTAKA
APPLICANT(s): IBIDEN CO LTD
APPL. NO.: 2000-251111, [JP 2000251111]
FILED: August 22, 2000 (20000822)
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(19990823)

WAFER PROBER DEVICE

INVENTOR(s): ITO ATSUSHI
HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a light wafer prober for efficiently and quickly heating and cooling a wafer prober, and for controlling the temperature, and for preventing generation of bending even at the time...

...a silicon wafer or measurement error.

SOLUTION: This wave prober device is constituted of a ceramic substrate on whose surface a conductive layer is formed, and at which a heating means is arranged and a support container, and...

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ITO YASUTAKA
APPLICANT(s): IBIDEN CO LTD
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FILED: August 22, 2000 (20000822)
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(19990823)

WAFER PROBER

INVENTOR(s): ITO ATSUSHI
HIRAMATSU YASUJI

ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a **wafer prober** with excellent controllability and temperature ascending and descending characteristics for preventing generation of peeling on...

...for preventing the damage to a silicon wafer or measurement error.

SOLUTION: A chuck top **conductive layer** is formed on the surface of a **ceramic** substrate, and a guard electrode and/or a ground electrode are formed inside the **ceramic** substrate so that **wafer prober** can be constituted. This **wafer prober** is provided with a through-hole electrically connected with one or both of the guard...

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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC SUBSTRATE TO BE USED THEREFOR

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HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA

APPLICANT(s): IBIDEN CO LTD

APPL. NO.: 2000-251088 [JP 2000251088]

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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC SUBSTRATE TO BE USED THEREFOR

INVENTOR(s): **ITO ATSUSHI**
HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a **ceramic** substrate to be used for a **wafer prober** for preventing generation of bending even at the time of pressing a probe card, for...

... descending characteristics, and for improving controllability by individually controlling the electrode.

SOLUTION: A chuck top **conductive layer** is formed on the surface of a **ceramic** substrate, a guard electrode and/or a ground electrode is formed inside the **ceramic** substrate, and a through-hole is formed so as to be electrically connected with one...

... electrode, and so as to be electrically connected with an outside terminal so that a **ceramic** substrate to be used for a **wafer prober** can be constituted.

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ITO YASUTAKA
APPLICANT(s): IBIDEN CO LTD
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(19990823)

WAFER PROBER DEVICE

INVENTOR(s): ITO ATSUSHI
HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a wafer prober device with light weight and excellent temperature ascending and descending characteristics for preventing generation of...

...and for preventing the damage to a silicon wafer or measurement error.

SOLUTION: In this wafer prober device constituted of a ceramic substrate on whose surface a conductive layer is formed and a support container, supporting columns are formed in the support container.

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PROBER DEVICE

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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC SUBSTRATE TO BE USED THEREFOR AND WAFER
PROBER DEVICE

INVENTOR(s): ITO ATSUSHI
HIRAMATSU YASUJI
ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a ceramic substrate to be used for a wafer prober with excellent temperature ascending and descending characteristics for preventing generation of bending without shifting a...

...tester pin, and for preventing the damage to the wafer or measurement error.

SOLUTION: A conductive layer 2 is formed on the surface of a ceramic substrate 3, and plural concentric circular grooves 7 are formed on the ceramic substrate 3, and through-holes 8 are formed at one part of the grooves 7, and concentric circular heating elements 41 are arranged on the bottom face of the ceramic substrate 3 so that a ceramic substrate 3 to be used for a wafer prober 101 can be constituted.

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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC SUBSTRATE USED FOR THE SAME

INVENTOR(s): ITO ATSUSHI
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ITO YASUTAKA

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a ceramic substrate used for a wafer prober which is light, has excellent characteristics in a temperature rise and drop, is not warped...

...or stray capacitance due to temperature control means or the like.

SOLUTION: A chuck top conductor layer is formed on the surface of this ceramic substrate. A guard electrode and/or ground electrode is formed inside the ceramic substrate.

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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC SUBSTRATE USED FOR THE SAME

INVENTOR(s): **ITO ATSUSHI**
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ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a **ceramic** substrate having a chuck top **conduction layer** which can be made thin and has a reduced resistance and excellent adhesion with the **ceramic** substrate.

SOLUTION: This **ceramic** substrate used for a **wafer prober** is obtained by forming a **conductor layer** composed of a plurality of metallic layers.

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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC BOARD USED FOR THE SAME

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ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a **wafer prober** which is lightweight, superior in temperature rise/fall characteristics, hardly warps when it is ...

... on a silicon wafer, and effectively and accurately measures a wafer without fail.

SOLUTION: A **conductor layer** is formed on the surface of a **ceramic board** which is used for a **wafer prober**, and the **conductor layer** is thinner than the **ceramic board**.

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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC BOARD USED FOR THE SAME

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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC BOARD USED FOR THE SAME

INVENTOR(s): **ITO ATSUSHI**
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ITO YASUTAKA
FURUKAWA MASAKAZU

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a **wafer prober**, capable of preventing impurities contained in a chuck top **conductor layer** or a **ceramic board** from being diffused into a silicon wafer.

SOLUTION: A **conductor layer** is formed on a **ceramic board** which is used for a **wafer prober**, and a noble layer is formed on the surface of the **conductor layer**.

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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC BOARD USED FOR WAFER PROBER

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WAFER PROBER AND CERAMIC BOARD USED FOR WAFER PROBER

INVENTOR(s): ITO ATSUSHI
HIRAMATSU YASUJI
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FURUKAWA MASAKAZU

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a **wafer prober**, which is lightweight, superior in heat-up characteristics and cool-down characteristics, and moreover, does...

... and is suitable to mass production of the prober having a constant quality.

SOLUTION: A **wafer prober** is characterized in that a **conductor layer** is formed on the surface of a polycrystalline **ceramic board**.



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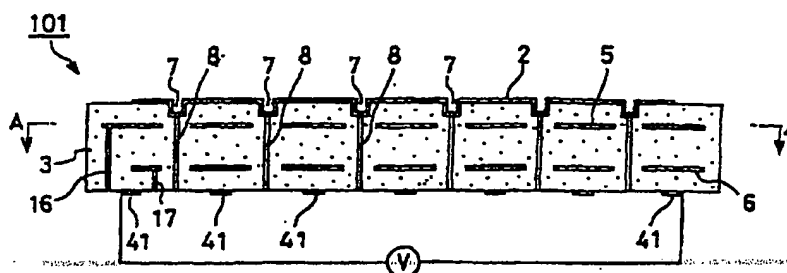
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(54) **WAFER PROBER**

(57) This invention has its objects to provide a wafer prober which is lightweight, excellent in thermal response kinetics and free from warpage upon pressing with a probe card, thus capable of effective protecting itself against damage to the silicon wafer and measurement error.

This invention is related to a wafer prober wherein a ceramic substrate is formed with a conductor layer on its surface.

Fig. 1



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Title: The use of hybrid microelectronics in the construction of ion-selective electrodes
Author(s): Leppavuori, S.I.; Romppainen, P.S.
Author Affiliation: Dept. of Electrical Engng., Univ. of Oulu, Oulu, Finland
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Abstract: The application of hybrid microelectronic manufacturing techniques to the construction of ion-selective electrodes is considered. A solid state pH glass electrode has been manufactured using thick film techniques. The electrode structure studied consists of a conductive and a glass layer on a ceramic substrate. Major problems associated with the making of the pH-sensitive glass paste and the choice of conductive layer material are discussed. With the correct choice of materials and by using a suitable manufacturing process a linear electrode response can be achieved. (6 Refs)
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Substrate structure for probe card used in inspection of IC chip under high temperature environment - has ceramic layer formed between insulating layer and electrically conductive layer
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Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001
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JP 10027967 A 4 H05K-003/46

Abstract (Basic): JP 10027967 A
The structure has an insulating layer (10) and an electrically

conductive layer (7), which are laminated. A ceramic layer (15) is formed between the insulating layer and the electrically conductive layer.

ADVANTAGE - Enables to reduce damage caused due to high temperature. Prevents deformation.

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Title Terms: SUBSTRATE; STRUCTURE; PROBE; CARD; INSPECT; IC; CHIP; HIGH; TEMPERATURE; ENVIRONMENT; CERAMIC; LAYER; FORMING; INSULATE; LAYER; ELECTRIC; CONDUCTING; LAYER

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Conductive compsn. for use on aluminium nitride substrate - comprises copper@ (alloy), glass binder and cadmium@ or an oxide of cadmium

Patent Assignee: FERRO CORP (FECO)

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US 5165986	A		7	B32B-009/00	

Abstract (Basic): US 5165986 A

A high thermal conductivity circuit substrate comprises: (a) a sintered aluminium nitride ceramic substrate; (b) a conductive pattern bonded to the substrate. It is formed by firing a conductive compsn. comprising: (1) copper or copper alloy; (2) an effective amt. of glass binder; (3) cadmium or an oxide of cadmium; such that the conductive compsn. has been deposited on the substrate, dried and fired to form the pattern bonded to the substrate.

Pref. the Cu alloy comprises Cu and either Al, Ag, Au, Zn, Sn, Pt or mixts. of these. Pref. the glass binder is PbO-202-SiO2. Pref. the conductive compsn. comprises a solid and a liq. portion, the solid portion comprising: (i) 80-98% by wt. of Cu or Cu alloy; (ii) 1-10% by wt. of glass binder, (iii) 1-10% by wt. of CdO. Pref. the conductive pattern has an initial adhesion of at least 3.5 lbs. Pref. the conductive pattern is a thin conductor layer having a resistivity of 0.1-3.0 ohms x 10 power (-3). sq. (-1).mil (-1).

USE/ADVANTAGE - Primarily for microcircuit applications and esp. in the power hybrid market where high thermal conductivity is required. Also for resistor and semiconductor pastes, inks, tapes and the like. The substrate combines adequate bond strength with higher thermal

conductivity and dielectric strength than e.g. alumina substrate ;
problems of blistering are avoided (claimed).

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Title Terms: CONDUCTING; COMPOSITION; ALUMINIUM; NITRIDE; SUBSTRATE;
COMPRISE; COPPER; ALLOY; GLASS; BIND; CADMIUM; OXIDE; CADMIUM
Derwent Class: L03; P73; U11; U14; V04; X12
International Patent Class (Main): B32B-009/00
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MMIC on ceramic substrate without stress fracture problems - is grown
with active and passive buffer layers which may be of high temp.
superconductor

Patent Assignee: EATON CORP (EAYT)

Inventor: CALVIELLO J A; HICKMAN G A

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

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US 5164359 A 25 H01L-021/20

Abstract (Basic): US 5164359 A

A III-V semiconductor MMIC method, with elimination of
semi-insulating layer thermal expansion mismatch fracture problems,
comprises providing a transparent ceramic substrate (12) growing a
semi-insulating buffer layer (14) on this which lattice-matches the
III-V from these upper layers to the substrate without having to pass
otherwise through the semi-insulating layer.

The additional thickness of the semi-insulating layer is
eliminated to shorten the thermal conduction path and eliminate the
discrete bonding of the semi-insulating layer and substrate. An
electro-optic layer is provided on the buffer layer for integration of
electro-optic circuitry receiving light through the substrate.

USE/ADVANTAGE - Methods of depositing active and passive layers
on ceramic substrates and of forming MMICs (claimed) are provided
which are useful for high speed MMICs, and HTS combinations with FETs,
MESFETs, HEMTs etc.. Thermal mechanical stress problems with ceramic
substrates are overcome, improving reliability and minimising
fractures. Also MMICs may be hermetically sealed by direct bonding and
high performance MMICs are obt'd..

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Title Terms: MMIC; CERAMIC ; SUBSTRATE; STRESS; FRACTURE; PROBLEM; GROW;
ACTIVE; PASSIVE; BUFFER; LAYER; HIGH; TEMPERATURE; SUPERCONDUCTING

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Ceramic substrate for multilayer or printed electronic circuit mfr. -
where use of low resistance inexpensive copper@ reduces resistance and
expense

Patent Assignee: MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC IND CO LTD (MATU); MATSUSHITA ELEC
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JP 4221888	A	19920812	JP 90404856	A	19901221	199239
US 5512353	A	19960430	US 91809985	A	19911218	199623
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Abstract (Basic): EP 492518 A

A ceramic substrate for electronic circuit comprising a ceramic
and a conductive layer, with ceramic layer patterned.
Conductive layer is of Cu or Cu alloy, and ceramic layer comprises
complex oxide or oxide solid soln. contg. both Cu and a non copper
components. Ceramic layer is insulated. Method of substrate prodn.
comprises: preparing the Cu contg. component and the non copper
containing component; forming ceramic green sheets; patterning a
conductive layer comprising binder and Cu oxide; laminating the
ceramic green sheets to form a laminated body; heating the laminated
body in air to burn out the binder; heating the laminated body in
reducing gas to reduce and metallize the conductive layer; firing
the laminated body in inert gas to sinter the ceramic.

USE/ADVANTAGE - A ceramic substrate for electronic circuit using
a special composition ceramic layer for multilayer electronic circuit
or for an insulated layer in a ceramic substrate for printed

electronic circuit. Use of inexpensive Cu of low resistance used as a **conductive layer** in a **ceramic substrate** overcomes problems of high electric resistance and expense associated with other elements.

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Abstract (Equivalent): EP 492518 B

A **ceramic** substrate for electronic circuit comprising a sintered **ceramic** substrate, a **conductive layer** which is patterned on the **ceramic** substrate and comprises copper or an alloy containing copper as its main component, at least one insulating layer formed so as to cover a portion of the **conductive layer**, and another **conductive layer** which is patterned at least on the insulating layer and comprises copper or an alloy containing copper as its main component, wherein the insulating layer consists of a complex oxide or an oxide solid solution containing oxygen, copper and at least one element other than copper, but contains no metallic copper on separate copper oxide phases, whereby the diffusion rate of copper oxide from the **conductive layers** to the insulating layers can be lowered.

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Abstract (Equivalent): US 5512353 A

A **ceramic** substrate for a multilayered electronic circuit comprises a number of **ceramic** insulated layers, and a number of **conductive layers** which are patterned on the **ceramic** layers, the **ceramic** insulated layers and **conductive layers** being laminated alternately, where the **conductive layers** comprise metallic copper or an alloy contg. metallic copper as its main component, and where the **ceramic** layers entirely comprise a complex oxide or an oxide solid soln. contg. copper and at least one component other than copper, where the complex oxide or the oxide solid soln. is prepd. by using oxide contg. copper as a starting material, whereby the diffusion rate of the copper oxide from the **conductive layers** to the **ceramic** layers can be lowered, and where each of the complex oxide and the oxide solid soln. contains at least one element selected from the gp. A consisting of strontium, barium, calcium, and lead, and at least one element selected from the gp. B consisting of tungsten, niobium, and tantalum, so as to form a complex perovskite structure phase.

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Title Terms: **CERAMIC**; **SUBSTRATE**; **MULTILAYER**; **PRINT**; **ELECTRONIC**; **CIRCUIT**; **MANUFACTURE**; **LOW**; **RESISTANCE**; **INEXPENSIVE**; **COPPER**; **REDUCE**; **RESISTANCE**; **EXPENSE**

Derwent Class: L03; U11; U14; V04

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Wafer probe for individual chip testing - has end shaped to permit close approach to component under test and has amplifier mounted on that end

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EP 230766	A	19870805	EP 86309951	A	19861219	198731 B
JP 62190738	A	19870820	JP 86307570	A	19861223	198739
CA 1252221	A	19890404				198918
US 4853627	A	19890801	US 88217107	A	19880711	198938

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US 4853627	A		5		
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Abstract (Basic): EP 230766 A

The triangular **ceramic** wafer (4) has a high input impedance monolithic integrated circuit amplifier (8) formed at the apex. The amplifier input (28) is connected to a conductive probe (30) for contacting a node of a circuit under test.

The amplifier output is connected to a measurement and display instrument by a transmission line formed by a microstrip (24) and a **conductive layer** (22) on the underside of the wafer.

ADVANTAGE - Due to high amplifier input impedance, operation of circuit under test is not disturbed

Abstract (Equivalent): US 4853627 A

A **wafer probe** comprises a support member having an end region which is shaped to permit the end region to be brought into close proximity with a component under test. An amplifier is mounted on the support member at its end region. A conductive probe element is attached to the amplifier and is electrically connected to the amplifier's input terminal.

A transmission line is connected to the amplifier's output terminal for transmitting signals from the amplifier to a measurement instrument.

USE/ADVANTAGE - Testing individual chips prior to dicing and packaging without significantly disturbing signal level at probed pads

Title Terms: WAFER; PROBE; INDIVIDUAL; CHIP; TEST; END; SHAPE; PERMIT; CLOSE; APPROACH; COMPONENT; TEST; AMPLIFY; MOUNT; END

Derwent Class: S01; U11

International Patent Class (Additional): G01R-001/06; G01R-031/28; H01L-021/66

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Electroluminescent device with monolithic ceramic substrate - high dielectric constant ceramic gives strength and freedom from breakdown

Patent Assignee: NEC CORP (NIDE)

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JP 62010898 A 19870119 198708 B
US 4757235 A 19880712 US 86857374 A 19010101 198830

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JP 62010898 A 13

Abstract (Basic): JP 62010898 A

An electroluminescent device comprises a monolithic substrate (10) with embedded internal electrodes (12) and a multilayer thin film structure (40) which includes a luminescent layer (14) sandwiched between transparent electrode layers (16) and the substrate (10). The substrate (10) is formed by sintering laminated **ceramic** green sheets of a dielectric constant greater than 200 with a **conductive paste layer** between them. Insulating layers (13, 15) are sandwiched between the internal electrodes (12) and luminescent layer (14) and between this layer (14) and the transparent electrode (16). In another embodiment a second thin insulator layer is provided between luminescent layer (14) and substrate (10) to prevent ionic diffusion into the former (14).

The substrate is provided with an external terminal at the bottom connected to the internal electrodes (12). The luminescent layer (14) consists of ZnS:Mn or ZnS:TbF₃ or ZnS:SmF₃ and the insulating layer (13) of a stable oxide of Si₃N₄ or CaF₂.

USES/ADVANTAGES - Existing glass-based electroluminescent devices may suffer from dielectric breakdown **problems**. **Ceramic substrates** have been proposed but previously have been mechanically weak. The present invention uses a reliable sintered multilayer **ceramic** plate with internal electrode as substrate which gives rise to devices of high brightness at low driving current and high reliability and stability against dielectric breakdown. (First major country equivalent to J62010898-A)

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Abstract (Equivalent): US 4757235 A

An electroluminescent device comprises a monolithic substrate (10) with embedded internal electrodes (12) and a multilayer thin film structure (40) which includes a luminescent layer (14) sandwiched between transparent electrode layers (16) and the substrate (10). The substrate (10) is formed by sintering laminated **ceramic** green sheets of a dielectric constant greater than 200 with a **conductive paste layer** between them. Insulating layers (13, 15) are sandwiched between the internal electrodes (12) and luminescent layer (14) and between this layer (14) and the transparent electrode (16). In another embodiment a second thin insulator layer is provided between luminescent layer (14) and substrate (10) to prevent ionic diffusion into the former (14).

The substrate is provided with an external terminal at the bottom connected to the internal electrodes (12). The luminescent layer (14) consists of ZnS:Mn or ZnS:TbF₃ or ZnS:SmF₃ and the insulating layer (13) of a stable oxide of Si₃N₄ or CaF₂.

USES/ADVANTAGES - Existing glass-based electroluminescent devices may suffer from dielectric breakdown **problems**. **Ceramic substrates** have been proposed but previously have been mechanically weak. The present invention uses a reliable sintered multilayer **ceramic** plate with internal electrode as substrate which gives rise to devices of high brightness at low driving current and high reliability and stability against dielectric breakdown. (First major country equivalent to J62010898-A) (13pp Dwg.No.2/9)

Title Terms: ELECTROLUMINESCENT; DEVICE; MONOLITHIC; **CERAMIC** ; SUBSTRATE;
HIGH; DIELECTRIC; CONSTANT; **CERAMIC** ; STRENGTH; FREE; BREAKDOWN
Derwent Class: L03; U14
International Patent Class (Additional): H05B-033/22
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Manual Codes (CPI/A-N): L03-G05; L03-H04; L03-H04A
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**Large area multilayer printed circuit - has alternate thick film
dielectric and conductor layers on molybdenum substrate**

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Patent Family:

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US 4313262	A	19820202				198207 B

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US 4313262	A		4		

Abstract (Basic): US 4313262 A

Large area multilayer printed circuit structure is made by (a) providing an Mo substrate (2); (b) screen printing a dielectric layer (20) and allowing to dry; (c) firing; (d) repeating (b,c) until the required thickness of dielectric is formed; (e) screen printing a first conductor circuit (24) on the dielectric surface and allowing to dry; (f) firing; (g) screen printing a second dielectric layer (26,27) on the conductor and first dielectric and allowing to dry; (h) firing; and (i) repeating (e,f,g,h) until the required number of dielectric-conductor layers are formed.

Pref., components (32,34) are bonded or soldered to the top surface of the structure, and thus interconnected to at least one exposed conductor.

The structure is thinner than conventional yet has the required rigidity. It can be automatically processed without size constraints or camber problems. The Mo substrate acts as a heat sink and/or bottom cover of a hermetic package, avoiding metallisation and soldering needed for ceramic substrates; has an expansion coefft. matched to the dielectric and ceramic chip carriers; and can be fired at high temps. compatible with low cost Cu conductors.

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Title Terms: AREA; MULTILAYER; PRINT; CIRCUIT; ALTERNATE; THICK; FILM;
DIELECTRIC; CONDUCTOR; LAYER; MOLYBDENUM; SUBSTRATE
Derwent Class: L03; U14; V04
International Patent Class (Additional): H05K-003/34
File Segment: CPI; EPI
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MICRO PROBER

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Testing)
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ABSTRACT

PURPOSE: To enable simultaneous probing to pad portions of a plurality of specimens formed on a semiconductor substrate.

CONSTITUTION: Electric circuits consisting of a conductive material film or conductive layer is formed on a prober substrate 1 consisting of semiconductor such as silicon and materials which assure good reproducibility to stress and have small thermal expansion coefficient such as ceramic or metal with coating of insulating film. A comb-teeth portion having the layout and size accurately corresponding to a pad portion 8' of an IC (semiconductor integrated circuit) element which is formed on the surface of a silicon substrate as an inspection sample obtained by processing the prober substrate 1 is also provided and a projected metal part is also formed on the electric circuit at the end part of the comb-teeth portion as a contact for the pad portion 8' of the specimen. Moreover, the probing with a plurality of inspection samples can be made simultaneously by providing a plurality pairs of probing portions through modification of thickness, size, shape, composition and property in the pitch matching with the arrangement of the specimen in order to give necessary mobility to the comb-teeth portion and the periphery thereof.

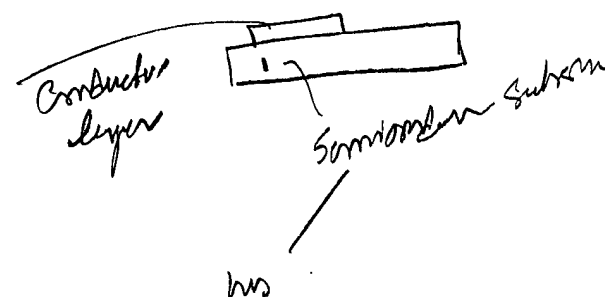
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WAFER PROBER

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ABSTRACT

PURPOSE: To ensure all electric contact, and to improve the accuracy of positioning by image-sensing the tip of a probing needle, deciding the state of the tip and conducting the suspension of a test and the correction operation of a defective needle point when a defective state such as fouling, cracking, etc., is detected.

CONSTITUTION: A contact plate 21 is lifted by a pulse motor 62 through an arm holder 60 to a position in the Z direction of a needle point. The needle point section of a probing needle 6 is lit through the plate 21 by a high brightness LED 23 under the state, and the needle point is image-sensed by a TV camera 20. When it is confirmed that keeping within a needle trace tolerance of all needle points is impossible even by revolution, the adhesion of aluminum chips to the needle point is decided. A ceramic board 28 is positioned under the needle point by moving an XY stage 3, and the Z stage section of a .theta.Z stage 2 is shifted vertically so that the needle point is overdriven, thus polishing the needle point. Accordingly, an electric contact is ensured, and the accuracy of positioning is improved.

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